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Applicants: R. P. Silkaitis, et al.

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On: May 30, 2006

Robin S. Evans

Date

**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 AND MPEP
711.03(c)(I)(A)
OR ALTERNATIVELY
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)**

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Dear Sir:

This petition is submitted in response to the Decision of the Office of Petitions mailed January 30, 2006 dismissing Applicants' Petition filed on April 14, 2005 seeking withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-referenced application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A). A Petition for Extension of Time by two (2) months from March 30, 2006 to May 30, 2006 is enclosed herewith, together with an

authorization to debit the Deposit Account of Hospira, Inc. for payment of any fees associated with the submission and consideration of this document.

Applicants respond by supplying additional information in support of their original Petition, and (1) renewing their petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A), or in the alternative, (2) petitioning under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) for revival of an application unintentionally abandoned.

Additional Information & Background

In addition to the facts previously attested to in the aforementioned Petition filed on April 14, 2005, which facts are expressly incorporated by reference herein, the Applicants aver that the following information supports this Petition.

1. Hospira, Inc. originally was formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories in preparation for the spin-off of Hospira, Inc. from Abbott Laboratories. Hospira, Inc. was legally spun off from Abbott Laboratories on April 30, 2004 and since that date has been an independent corporation.

2. On January 13, 2004, Brian R. Woodworth, Reg. No. 33, 137, who at the time was a patent attorney of record for Abbott Laboratories, Customer Number 23492, filed a request for a new customer number in anticipation of the spin-off. See Exhibit A. The undersigned attorney also was a patent attorney of record for Abbott Laboratories, Customer Number 23492, as of January 13, 2004.

3. On March 8, 2004, Mr. Woodworth received a Notice of Customer Number Assignment via facsimile from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Business Center

("EBC") stating that the Customer Number 41155 had been assigned to Abbott Laboratories Hospital Products, Department 377, Building AP6A, 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, IL 60064-6008. Mr. Woodworth and the undersigned attorney were listed as attorneys of record for Customer Number 41155. See Exhibit B.

4. On April 13, 2004, Mr. Woodworth submitted by Express Mail to the EBC a spreadsheet (on a CD) together with a request for a customer number batch update to transfer certain patents and pending patent applications from Customer Number 23492 into Customer Number 41155. The electronic spreadsheet identified the patents and pending patent applications that were to be assigned to Hospira, Inc. by Abbott Laboratories in connection with the spin-off of Hospira, Inc. Evidence of this submission and the relevant portions of the spreadsheet are shown in Exhibit C.

5. On April 29, 2004, after the correspondence address and telephone number for Hospira, Inc. were established, Mr. Woodworth submitted via facsimile to the EBC a Request for Customer Number Data Change for the purpose of changing the correspondence address and telephone number for Customer Number 41155. The specified correspondence address for Customer Number 41155 was: Hospira, Inc., 275 N. Field Drive, Dept. NLEG, Bldg H-1, Lake Forest, IL 60045-2579. See Exhibit D..

6. On April 30, 2004, the EBC mailed a Notice of Customer Number Record Change to Hospira, Inc. This notice was erroneous in two respects. First, it listed the Customer Number as 41165 rather than 41155. Second, it listed the correct street address for Hospira, Inc. but was addressed to an individual named Bradley Alan Silen

rather than to Brian R. Woodworth. The undersigned attorney avers that Bradley Alan Silen was not and is not an authorized agent of Hospira, Inc., and that Bradley Alan Silen does not currently appear on the USPTO web site list of registered patent agents and attorneys. See Exhibit E.

7. On May 4, 2004, Mr. Woodworth sent a fax to the EBC to inform them of the errors in the USPTO generated Notice of Customer Number Change and to request correction. See Exhibit G. Although the outgoing fax machine confirmed successful transmission of this fax, Hospira, Inc. never received a reply from the USPTO.

8. In April 2004, Abbott Laboratories created a copy or "clone" of a portion of its Master Data Center IPMaster docketing database for the purpose of creating a separate docketing database for patents and patent applications to be assigned to Hospira, Inc. by Abbott Laboratories in connection with the spin-off of Hospira, Inc. from Abbott Laboratories. Upon creation of the separate docketing database for patents and patent applications to be assigned to Hospira, Inc., Abbott Laboratories ceased patent-related docketing for such patents and patent applications. In order to ensure that Abbott Laboratories did not continue to undertake patent docketing for these patents and patent applications, Abbott Laboratories included a notation in its IPMaster database for each patent and patent application to be assigned to Hospira, Inc.

9. In recognition of the likelihood that correspondence relating to patents and patent applications to be assigned (and subsequently assigned) to Hospira, Inc. may continue to be received by Abbott Laboratories despite

the above-enumerated efforts by Hospira, Inc., Abbott Laboratories and Hospira, Inc. entered into an oral agreement pursuant to which Abbott Laboratories agreed to forward to Hospira, Inc. all correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories that related to the patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc.

10. In order to fulfill its oral agreement with Hospira, Inc., Abbott Laboratories created a new, dedicated mail bin for all patent-related correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories that related to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc. See Exhibit F. The policies and procedures of Abbott Laboratories are set forth in the Declaration of Katrina M. Williams, attached hereto as Exhibit H.

11. Hospira, Inc. regularly received from Abbott Laboratories correspondence sent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Abbott Laboratories that related to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc. The undersigned has no reason to believe that all correspondence sent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Abbott Laboratories that related to any of the patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc. was not forwarded by Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc. in accordance with the oral agreement between Abbott Laboratories and Hospira, Inc.

12. All patent-related correspondence received by Hospira, Inc., including patent-related correspondence forwarded to Hospira, Inc. by Abbott Laboratories, was reviewed and docketed by Hospira, Inc. patent personnel in accordance with internal policies and procedures.

13. On April 30, 2004, Abbott Laboratories executed an assignment transferring certain pending patent applications to Hospira, Inc., including, but not limited to, the above-referenced application. On July 28, 2004, Hospira, Inc. submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a request for recordation of this assignment.

14. On July 28, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office recorded on Reel 014921, Frame 0536, the above-referenced assignment transferring pending patent applications, including the present application, from Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc.

15. On April 30, 2004, Abbott Laboratories executed an assignment transferring certain granted U.S. patents to Hospira, Inc. On July 19, 2005, Hospira, Inc. submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a request for recordation this assignment. Because of the large number of granted patents involved, this request was made in two batches.

16. On July 19, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office recorded on Reel 016536, Frames 0728 and 0910, the above-referenced assignment transferring granted U.S. patents from Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc.

17. Throughout the late spring and summer of 2004, Hospira, Inc. regularly received patent-related correspondence for its patents and patent applications. Some of the patent-related correspondence received by Hospira, Inc. during this period was addressed to Abbott Laboratories and forwarded from Abbott Laboratories in accordance with the above-identified oral agreement.

18. Among the patent-related correspondence received by Hospira, Inc. during this period was a Filing Receipt Notice mailed May 13, 2004 for the present application. This Filing Receipt Notice was addressed to Abbott Laboratories and was received by Abbott Laboratories on May 18, 2004. The Filing Receipt Notice was forwarded to Hospira, Inc. by Abbott Laboratories in accordance with the oral agreement between Abbott Laboratories and Hospira, Inc.

19. When Hospira, Inc. received the Filing Receipt Notice mailed May 13, 2004 for the present application, the Filing Receipt Notice was docketed in Hospira's IPMaster docketing database and the correspondence was placed into the file for the present application. Upon receipt of the Filing Receipt Notice mailed May 13, 2004 for the present application, Hospira, Inc. did not include an entry in its IPMaster docketing database relating to a Notice to File Missing Parts, nor did Hospira, Inc. place a Notice to File Missing Parts into the file for the present application. At no time did Hospira, Inc. include an entry in its IPMaster docketing database relating to a Notice to File Missing parts for the present application, nor did Hospira, Inc. at any time place a Notice to File Missing Parts into the file for the present application. Had Hospira, Inc. received a Notice to File Missing Parts for the present application, the Hospira, Inc. personnel responsible for handling patent-related correspondence would have docketed such Notice in Hospira, Inc.'s IPMaster docketing database and placed the correspondence in the file for the present application in accordance with Hospira, Inc.'s policies and procedures.

20. The undersigned attorney avers that if Hospira, Inc. had received a Notice to File Missing Parts for the present application (either directly from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or from Abbott Laboratories), the Notice to File Missing Parts, together with the deadline for submitting the required missing parts, would have been docketed and filed by Hospira, Inc. in accordance with Hospira, Inc.'s policies and procedures. Hospira's docketing database does not indicate that a Notice to File Missing Parts for the present application was received, nor does Hospira's docketing database identify a deadline for submitting the required missing parts. Hospira, Inc.'s file for the present application does not contain a Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, the undersigned believes that the Notice to File Missing Parts allegedly mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the present application was never received by Hospira, Inc.

21. After April 30, 2004, the undersigned attorney lost his right to access Private PAIR and ascertain the status of patent applications that were still under the customer numbers of Abbott Laboratories.

22. After April 30, 2004, the undersigned attorney also was unable to access Private PAIR to ascertain the status of patent applications that were under Hospira, Inc.'s customer number. The Hospira Information Technology area was very busy throughout 2004 with other priorities associated with implementing SAP and establishing an independent IT infrastructure for Hospira, Inc. and was unable to re-establish Private PAIR access for the undersigned attorney. Due to various information technology and firewall issues at Hospira, Inc., the undersigned was unable to get Private PAIR access to

patent applications under Hospira's customer number until the end of January 2005.

23. In the Fall of 2004, the undersigned attorney noticed that the patent-related correspondence Abbott Laboratories was forwarding to Hospira, Inc. was addressed to the new Vice President for Patents and Trademarks of Abbott Laboratories, Robert DeBerardine. This realization prompted the undersigned to initiate an investigation for the purpose of determining the status of Hospira, Inc.'s efforts to assign certain patents and patent applications to Hospira, Inc.'s Customer Number. Up to this point in time, Hospira, Inc. had not received any notification from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that Hospira, Inc.'s efforts to transfer its patents and patent applications to Hospira, Inc.'s Customer Number were unacceptable to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

24. Upon investigation, the undersigned determined that the EBC had not processed the Request for Customer Number Batch Update submitted by Mr. Woodworth on April 13, 2004. As shown in the attached Exhibit J, the only applications associated with Hospira, Inc.'s customer number as of December 16, 2004 were those applications filed by Hospira, Inc. after May 3, 2004, i.e., after the spin-off of Hospira, Inc. from Abbott Laboratories. The undersigned contacted the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by telephone in December 2004 and was informed that the failure of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to implement the customer number update requested by Hospira, Inc. on April 13, 2004 might be due in part to the June 25, 2004 rule change regarding the number of attorneys the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office would recognize in a given application (37 CFR 1.132(c)(3)).

That is, because Mr. Woodworth was not listed among the first ten (10) attorneys identified alphabetically on the Powers of Attorney for the patents and patent applications in question, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, effective June 25, 2004, no longer recognized Mr. Woodworth's authority to undertake the actions requested in Hospira, Inc.'s request of April 13, 2004. The undersigned attorney respectfully notes that Hospira, Inc.'s request of April 13, 2004 complied with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's policies in effect as of April 13, 2004.

25. On January 14, 2005, Hospira submitted by U.S. Express Mail yet another customer number batch update attempting to transfer Hospira, Inc.'s patents and patent applications into Hospira's customer number. Hospira, Inc. had to secure the help and cooperation of Abbott Laboratories to make this submission. See Exhibit K. The signatories of this request were carefully selected to include Robert Deberardine, Vice President and Chief Patent Counsel for Abbott Laboratories (who replaced Steven F. Weinstock in such capacity for Abbott Laboratories, Customer Number 23492) and a patent agent, Steven R. Crowley, who had for over fifteen (15) years been included in the first ten attorneys and agents listed alphabetically in Declarations and Powers of Attorney filed in connection with Abbott Laboratories' patent applications.

26. Soon after the undersigned's access to Private PAIR was restored at the end of January 2005, Hospira checked the status of the customer number update request submitted January 14, 2005. To the best of the undersigned's recollection, Hospira, Inc.'s granted U.S. patents were included under Hospira, Inc.'s customer

number, but Hospira, Inc.'s pending patent applications still were not included under Hospira, Inc.'s customer number. Hospira, Inc. never received any communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that it would not transfer pending patent applications into Hospira, Inc.'s customer number pursuant to the January 14, 2005 request for such action. In fact, Hospira, Inc. has never received any formal correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office responsive to its April 13, 2004 and January 14, 2005 requests.

27. Having failed in two previous attempts to effect a customer number change for all of its patents and patent applications, Hospira, Inc. began in early April 2005 the laborious process of filing Revocations and New Powers of Attorney in each of its pending U.S. patent applications to ensure that these patent applications were: (1) identified under Hospira, Inc.'s customer number; (2) available for viewing by the undersigned attorney in Private PAIR; (3) provided with the correct mailing address for Hospira, Inc.; and (4) identified as having granted to Mr. Woodworth and the undersigned the requisite power of attorney.

28. In early April 2005, the undersigned attorney initiated the process of preparing and filing Revocations and New Powers of Attorney for Hospira, Inc.'s 7135 and 7172 case families. This process included the step of checking the docket entries in Hospira's docketing database for these case families. As of early April 2005, Hospira, Inc.'s docketing database indicated that Hospira had received no correspondence other than a return post card and a Filing Receipt Notice for these case families. Upon reviewing Hospira, Inc.'s files for these case families, the undersigned determined that

executed Declarations and Powers of Attorney had not been filed in connection with these case families.

29. On April 13, 2005, still being unable to access Hospira, Inc.'s 7135 and 7172 case family records through Private PAIR under Hospira, Inc.'s customer number, the undersigned contacted a member of the Abbott Laboratories Patent and Trademark Office and requested her to see if someone at Abbott Laboratories could check Private PAIR for information on these case families since they were not available under Hospira, Inc.'s customer number.

30. On April 13, 2005, the undersigned received the disappointing news from Abbott Laboratories that, based upon Abbott Laboratories' review of Private PAIR, a Notice of Missing Parts and a Notice of Abandonment were apparently mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for each of the 7135 and 7172 cases. At that time, Abbott Laboratories downloaded from Private PAIR a copy of these papers and sent them via e-mail to Hospira. This was the first time that Hospira, Inc. ever received copies of these communications from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and it was the first time that Hospira, Inc. was aware that these communications had been issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. See Exhibit L.

31. For the reasons set forth herein, the undersigned respectfully avers that had Abbott Laboratories received the Notice to File Missing Parts and/or the Notice of Abandonment for the present application, Abbott Laboratories procedures would have required that such correspondence be forwarded to Hospira, Inc. The undersigned further respectfully avers that had Hospira, Inc. received the Notice to File Missing Parts and/or the Notice of Abandonment, either directly from the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office or from Abbott Laboratories, Hospira, Inc. would have docketed these communications in Hospira, Inc.'s IPMaster docketing database. Because these communications were not docketed in Hospira, Inc.'s IPMaster docketing database as of April 13, 2005, the undersigned attorney believes that (i) the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Notice of Abandonment for the present application were never received by Hospira, Inc.; and (ii) the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Notice of Abandonment for the present application were never received by Abbott Laboratories.

32. On April 14, 2005, the undersigned filed via facsimile a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A) for the present application and requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mail a new Notice of Missing Parts to Hospira, Inc. and reset the time for response thereto. Given that Hospira, Inc. had sole docketing responsibility for its patents and patent applications, and given that Abbott Laboratories regularly forwarded to Hospira, Inc. patent-related correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories for Hospira, Inc.'s patents and patent applications, the undersigned included in this Petition what he believed in good faith to be the pertinent facts necessary to satisfy the requirements of MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A).

33. On May 31, 2005, the undersigned's assistant, Robin Evans, contacted Abbott Laboratories and requested that they check Private PAIR to determine the status of the Petition filed on April 14, 2005. This request was made because Hospira, Inc. at that time was still unable to determine the Private PAIR the status of some of Hospira, Inc.'s pending applications filed before May 3, 2004. On

May 31, 2005, Abbott Laboratories informed Ms. Evans and the undersigned attorney that the Petition filed on April 14, 2005 had been scanned by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 14, 2004, but that no action had yet been undertaken on the Petition. See Exhibit M.

34. On June 8, 2005, the undersigned submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark assignments of the present application from the inventors to Abbott Laboratories to complete the missing link in the chain of title from the inventors to Abbott Laboratories. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office confirmed that the assignment was recorded on July 13, 2005 on Reel 016517, Frame 0886. As stated above, the assignment of the present application from Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc. was previously recorded by Hospira, Inc.

35. On August 3, 2005, the undersigned submitted: (i) a Revocation of Prior Power and New Power of Attorney for the present application; (ii) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and (iii) a copy of the recordation papers submitted June 8, 2005 in a further effort to provide Mr. Woodworth and the undersigned, the attorneys associated with Hospira, Inc.'s Customer Number 41155, with power of attorney for the present application, and in an effort to ensure that future correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office relating to the present application be sent directly to Hospira, Inc.

36. On August 10, 2005, the undersigned submitted via facsimile a Response to the Notice of Missing Parts with the \$130 surcharge and submitted via First Class Mail an Information Disclosure Statement for the present application.

37. On August 26, 2005, the undersigned received the New Attorney's copies of a Notice of Acceptance of Change of Power of Attorney and a Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney mailed August 23, 2005 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. On September 6, 2005, after the 2005 Labor Day holiday, Hospira also received from Abbott Laboratories a piece of correspondence sent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Abbott Laboratories for the purpose of informing Abbott Laboratories that it had been designated as a Former Attorney in connection with the present case. The undersigned notes that this is yet another example of the fact that Abbott Laboratories has consistently forwarded to Hospira, Inc. all patent-related correspondence relating to patents and patent applications assigned by Abbott Laboratories to Hospira, Inc., notwithstanding the fact that such correspondence was, in fact, intended for Abbott Laboratories.

38. On September 30, 2005, the undersigned filed a written status inquiry via facsimile in an attempt to ascertain the status of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment filed April 14, 2005. See Exhibit N. The undersigned received no response from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this status inquiry.

39. Having received no response from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-mentioned status inquiry, in January of 2006, the undersigned had his assistant, Robin Evans, telephone the Office of Initial Patent Examination to further inquire of the status of the present application and in particular the status of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment filed April 14, 2005.

ARGUMENT/REMARKS

Mr. Woodworth notified the USPTO of a change of customer number on April 13, 2004 and a change of address on April 29, 2004. It is important to note that at that time Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Crabb (who filed the instant application) were both attorneys of record under Abbott Laboratories' customer number and under what would become Hospira's customer number. Both the undersigned and Mr. Woodworth were named in the power of attorney section of the unsigned declaration, a transmittal paper submitted with the original application. If timely handled by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under the rules (37 C.F.R. §1.33(a)(1)) in effect at the time of submission, Hospira, Inc.'s submissions of April 13, 2004 and April 29, 2004 were adequate to change the correspondence address of record for the present application to Hospira's customer number address. Similarly, Hospira, Inc.'s submission of January 14, 2005 was adequate to change the correspondence address of record for the present application to Hospira's customer number address.

Hospira, Inc. has been adversely affected by the failure of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to accurately and timely process Hospira, Inc.'s customer number change requests. Hospira, Inc. also has been adversely affected by the 9½ month delay in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's consideration of the initial Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment and the failure of the USPTO to respond to status inquiries regarding such petition.

The file wrapper history, as well as the information supplied above and/or in the attached exhibits, clearly shows that: 1) the abandonment of the present application was at least unintentional, if not unavoidable; 2) Applicants have acted diligently and without delay to try

to revive the application once the abandonment was discovered; 3) the entire delay in filing a grantable petition was unintentional. A statement in the form required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is enclosed.

The undersigned has worked diligently to follow up and expedite the revival of this application. Once made aware of the Notice of Missing Parts, Applicants filed a response to the same despite not having received a response from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Applicants' Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment and reset the date for response. Applicants have continued to file papers with respect to this case, despite lengthy delays in responding on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. When Applicants discovered that the initial petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, the undersigned immediately contacted the attorney in the Office of Petitions by telephone and diligently worked to prepare this renewed petition, which required significant research as well as preparation of a declaration for the Abbott Laboratories docketing mail clerk to sign. The undersigned has in good faith taken considerable care to include and accurately portray all of the relevant facts to the Office of Petitions in this renewed petition.

If the examining attorney finds that any portion of this paper, including any exhibit or enclosure, has been made difficult to read because of transmission by facsimile, the examining attorney is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to obtain a more legible copy by e-mail or other means.

In the transmittal letter accompanying this paper, Applicants authorized the Commissioner to debit Hospira, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-3118 for payment of both a \$1500 fee for revival under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) and a \$400 fee for a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181. No

further fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (or credit overpayment of) any fees required with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-3118.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn for this application and that examination proceed in the normal course.

Customer No. 41155

HOSPIRA, INC.

Telephone: (224) 212-2889

Facsimile: 224) 212-2088

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. Silkaitis, et al.



Michael R. Crabb

Registration No. 37,298

Attorney for Applicants

Exhibit A

**Request for Customer Number
January 13, 2004**

PTO/SB/125A (05-03)

Approved for use through 11/30/2005. OMB 0851-0035

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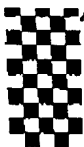
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Address	Dept. 377, Bldg. AP6A			
Address	100 Abbott Park Road			
City	Abbott Park	State	IL	ZIP 60064-6008
Country	USA			
Telephone	847/938-5386	Fax	847/938-2623	
Please associate the following practitioner registration number(s) with the Customer Number assigned to the Address cited above.				
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37,298				
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Firm Name (if applicable)	Abbott Laboratories			
Name of person submitting request	Brian R. Woodworth			
Signature	<i>Brian R. Woodworth</i>			
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Exhibit B

**Notice Of Customer Number Assignment
March 8, 2004**



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CUSTOMER
NUMBER: 41155
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ABBOTT LABORATORIES HOSPITAL PRODUCTS
DEPARTMENT 377, BUILDING AP6A
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6008

FAX: 847-938-2623
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PHONE: 847-938-5386

Date Mailed: 03/08/2004

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

The request to assign a "Customer Number" to the above-identified Correspondence Address and Practitioner Registration Number(s) indicated below has been accepted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

The Customer Number as assigned above may be used to identify the correspondence address or "fee address" for, and/or the appointed practitioner(s) in, a United States patent application or patent.

PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION NUMBER(S) ASSIGNED TO THAT CUSTOMER NUMBER:

33137, 37298.

Patents Electronic Business Center
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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

Exhibit C

**Request for Customer Number Batch Update
April 13, 2004**



Patent and Trademark Department
D-377/AP6A-1
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6008 USA

Telephone: 847-937-8989
Fax: 847-938-2623

April 13, 2004

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Re: Customer Number Batch Update

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Please associate the customer number "41155" with the correspondence address or the fee address, as shown on the attached spreadsheet.

For each application listed on the attached spreadsheet, I am an Attorney or Agent of Record.

Printed Name / Signature

Registration Number

Brian R. Woodworth



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. R. Woodworth', written over a horizontal line.

Date: April 13, 2004 Telephone Number: 847-938-5386

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this customer number update request by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of the confirmation of the change of address, but not the e-mailed confirmation, will be made of record in the application file(s).

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Address	275 N. Field Drive			
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City	Lake Forest	State	IL	Zip 60045-2579
Country	United States			
Telephone	(224) 212-2895	Fax		

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Name of Person Submitting request	Brian R. Woodworth		
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FAX:
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Date Mailed: 04/30/2004

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Exhibit F

**Hospira Inc. Mail Bin Notification
April 29, 2004**

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Crabb, Michael

From: Aguilar, Mercedes E LN
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 5:18 PM
To: CORP_Legal_P&T_Attorney_Abbott Park@ABBOTT; CORP_Legal_P&T_Support_Abbott Park@ABBOTT
Subject: Hospira Inc Mail Bin

Greetings,

A new mail bin has been added to our mail station for the Hospira group. The AST will forward their mail on a daily basis, just as it is done for all of the other remote sites.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or anyone in the AST.

Thank you,

Mercedes

Exhibit G

**Request for Correction of Customer Number Data
May 4, 2004**

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To: Patents Electronic Business Center

From: Brian R. Woodworth

Company: USPTO

Tel: 224-212-2068

Fax: 703-308-2840

Fax:

Date: May 4, 2004

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Brian R. Woodworth
Reg. No. 33,137

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Date Mailed: 04/30/2004


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Exhibit H

**Declaration of Katrina M. Williams
May 30, 2006**

DECLARATION OF KATRINA M. WILLIAMS

1. I have been handling patent docketing for the Patent & Trademark Department of Abbott Laboratories since November of 2000.
2. My job responsibilities include the review and handling of all patent-related correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. I also am responsible for docketing all patent-related correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Abbott Laboratories has been utilizing the Master Data Center IPMaster docketing system since prior to January 1, 2004.
3. Prior to April 30, 2004, Abbott Laboratories created a copy or "clone" database for patents and patent applications that were to be assigned to Hospira, Inc. at the time Hospira, Inc. was separated from Abbott Laboratories.
4. After the creation of this clone database, Abbott Laboratories ceased patent-related docketing for patents and patent applications that were to be assigned to Hospira, Inc. In order to ensure that Abbott Laboratories did not continue to undertake patent docketing for these patents and patent applications, Abbott Laboratories included a notation in the IPMaster database for each patent and patent application to be assigned to Hospira, Inc.
5. Recognizing that correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office relating to patents and patent applications to be assigned (and subsequently assigned) to Hospira, Inc. may continue to be received

by Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Laboratories and Hospira, Inc. entered into an oral agreement pursuant to which Abbott Laboratories agreed to forward to Hospira, Inc. all correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories that related to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc.

6. In order to fulfill its oral agreement with Hospira, Inc., Abbott Laboratories created a new, dedicated mail bin for all patent-related correspondence received by Abbott Laboratories that related to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc.
7. Pursuant to the oral agreement between Abbott Laboratories and Hospira, Inc., when patent-related correspondence relating to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc. was received by Abbott Laboratories, the serial number and/or attorney docket number on the correspondence was checked against the Abbott Laboratories IPMaster docketing database to determine if the correspondence related to a patent or patent application that had been assigned to Hospira, Inc. If the correspondence related to a patent or patent application that had been assigned to Hospira, Inc., the correspondence was placed in the designated mail bin for Hospira and forwarded to Hospira on a regular basis. Abbott Laboratories attempted to forward all such correspondence to Hospira, Inc. within one or two days of such correspondence being placed in the dedicated mail bin.
8. The above-outlined arrangement and practice was in place in May of 2004, when Filing Receipt Notices for the following patent applications were mailed by the

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Abbott
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10/783,640	7135US03	05/18/2004
10/783,648	7135US07	05/18/2004

I have reviewed the Filing Receipt Notices for each of these patent applications and have confirmed that they have been marked with an Abbott Laboratories in-coming mail date-of-receipt stamp. Because these Filing Receipt Notices are currently in the possession of Hospira, Inc., I am confident that these Filing Receipt Notices were forwarded to Hospira by Abbott Laboratories in accordance with the above-outlined arrangement and practice.

9. Had Notices of Missing Parts been enclosed with any of the above-referenced Filing Receipt Notices received by Abbott Laboratories, or had Notices of Missing Parts been received separately for any of the above-referenced patent applications, such correspondence would have been placed in the dedicated mail bin and forwarded to Hospira, Inc.
10. Had Abbott Laboratories received Notices of Abandonment for any of the above-referenced patent applications such correspondence would have been placed in the dedicated mail bin and forwarded to Hospira, Inc.
11. I have no personal knowledge of any situation in which patent-related correspondence from the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office relating to patents and patent applications assigned to Hospira, Inc. was not handled in accordance with the above-outlined arrangement and practice.

All of the above statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

May 30, 2006
Date

Katrina M. Williams
Katrina M. Williams

Exhibit J

**E-mail from Electronic Business Center
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Crabb, Michael

From: EBC [EBC@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2004 11:30 AM
To: Crabb, Michael
Cc: Evans, Robin; Woodworth, Brian
Subject: Re: Attn: Bridgett [X200412160728]

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Michael,

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Thank you
Bridgette

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Subject: Attn: Bridgett

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We can then check that list against our docketing database to quickly identify the cases that might have been rejected from our earlier submitted customer number change and work with our friends at Abbott Laboratories to get the Power of Attorney/Address problems resolved.

This will save your office the time and energy necessary to reprocess the entire customer number transfer request and identify the "rejected" cases.

Let me know if you cannot provide us with the list requested and we will proceed, as you suggested, to resubmit the customer number transfer request that we Express Mailed on 4/13/2004.

Thank you for your assistance.

Michael R. Crabb, Counsel (Registration No. 37, 298) Hospira, Inc.

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For each application listed on the attached spreadsheet, I am an Attorney or Agent of Record.

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Robert DeBerardine

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Steven R. Croxley

31,604

December 29, 2004 Telephone Number: 847-937-6364

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**Private Pair Status Checks for 7135USXX Cases
From Abbott Laboratories
April 13, 2005**

Evans, Robin

From: Iorio, Kimberly A LN
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 3:02 PM
To: Casuto, Dianne LN
Cc: Crabb, Michael; Evans, Robin
Subject: Re: Private PAIR Status Checks for 7135US01-07 and 7172US01

Hi Mike:

Attached please find the Missing Parts and Abandonment Notices (downloaded from the USPTO) for each of the below listed cases:

 10783641[1] (7135US01).pdf	 10783642[1] (7135US02).pdf	 10783640[1] (7135US03).pdf	 10783649[1] (7135US04).pdf	 10783573[1] (7135US05).pdf	 10783792[1] (7135US06).pdf
 10783648[1] (7135US07).pdf	 10783877[1] (7172US01).pdf				

I checked with docketing and was informed that all documents received for Hospira are sent daily by Federal Express to Brian at 275 North Field Drive, Dept. NLEG, Bldg. H-1, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

If you have problems opening the attachments or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks
Kim

Kimberly A. Iorio
Legal Assistant to Dianne Casuto
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Dianne Casuto 04/13/2005 12:31 PM To: MICHAEL CRABB/HPD/Abbott@Exchange cc: ROBIN
EVANS/HPD/Abbott@Exchange, Kimberly A Iorio/LAKE/CORP/ABBOTT@ABBOTT Subject: Re: Private PAIR Status Checks for



Kimberly A Iorio

7135US01-07 and 7172US01

Hi Mike! Hope everyone is doing well out there!

No, nothing like this ever happens to the mundane cases; only to the important ones!

I have had a continuing problem maintaining Private Pair but my assistant Kim has access. I'll ask her to access it and try to print off the records. We'll then fax them to you.

Sincerely,
Dianne

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MICHAEL CRABB/HPD/Abbott@Exchange 04/13/2005 09:50 AM To: Dianne
Casuto/LAKE/CORP/ABBOTT@ABBOTT cc: ROBIN EVANS/HPD/Abbott@Exchange Subject: Private PAIR Status Checks for
7135US01-07 and 7172US01

Diana,

Greetings from Hospira!

Do you or does someone else at Abbott still have access to Private PAIR? If so, we could really use some urgent help in resolving an apparent abandonment situation on several of our more important patent applications. Does stuff like this ever happen to the more mundane, less important applications?

Anyway, could you check Private PAIR and fax me a printout of the records for the following applications, which according to the USPTO are still for Abbott's eyes only:

7135US01	10/783641
7135US02	10/783642
7135US03	10/783640
7135US04	10/783649
7135US05	10/783573
7135US06	10/783792
7135US07	10/783648
7172US01	10/783877

All of these applications were filed on 2/20/04. We suspect that we never received a Notice of Missing Parts for each of these cases. Subsequently, there may also have been a Notice of Abandonment that we did not receive. If obtainable through Private PAIR, please send us a copy of these documents from each of the cases, too.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks a lot!

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**Private Pair Status Checks for 7135USXX Cases
From Abbott Laboratories
May 31, 2005**

Evans, Robin

From: Iorio, Kimberly A LN
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 12:58 PM
To: Evans, Robin
Cc: Crabb, Michael
Subject: RE: Private PAIR Status Check on 7135 Cases

Hi Robin:

I went into each case file wrapper and opened each document, that is how I was able to confirm that the petitions were scanned in on April 14. In the file history section it does not show the petition. Here is an example of the file history:

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Filing or 371(c) Date:	02-20-2004	Status:	
Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	
Examiner Name:	-	Location:	
Group Art Unit:	2681	Location Date:	
Confirmation Number:	7736	Earliest Publication:	
Attorney Docket Number:	7172 US01	Earliest Publication Date:	
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First Named Inventor:	Gary Howard, San Diego, CA	Issue Date of Patent:	
Title Of Invention:	System for maintaining drug information and c		

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02-20-2004	Initial Exam Team nn

here is the file wrapper. (each case I opened read the same)

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Kim

ROBIN EVANS/HPD/Abbott@Exchange 05/31/2005 12:25 PM To: Kimberly A
 Iorio/LAKE/CORP/ABBOTT@ABBOTT cc: MICHAEL CRABB/HPD/Abbott@Exchange Subject RE: Private PAIR Status Check on
 7135 Cases

Hi Kim,

We sent them our petition to withdraw abandonment on April 14. So, I'm assuming that, is what was scanned into their system. Could you possibly check the image file wrapper just on one case to ensure that is what was scanned? I'd appreciate it.

Thanks so much for your help.

-----Original Message-----

From: Iorio, Kimberly A LN
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 12:19 PM
To: Evans, Robin
Cc: Crabb, Michael; Vrloni, Beth A LN
Subject: Re: Private PAIR Status Check on 7135 Cases

Hi Robin:

I checked each application and they were all scanned into their system on April 14, 2005; however, no other action has taken place since then. Status still remains Abandoned.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Take care,
Kim

[REDACTED] ROBIN EVANS/HPD/Abbott@Exchange 05/31/2005 11:05 AM To: Kimberly A Iorio/LAKE/CORP/ABBOTT@ABBOTT cc: MICHAEL CRABB/HPD/Abbott@Exchange Subject: Private PAIR Status Check on 7135 Cases

Hi Kim,

Could we once again, ask your assistance in finding out the status of the below listed patent applications. You checked for us in April and found that they were abandoned. We have since, sent in a petition to Withdraw Abandonment and would like to know if the status has changed. They are still under Abbott's Customer number, so we cannot check Private Pair ourselves.

7135US01	10/783641
7135US02	10/783642
7135US03	10/783640
7135US04	10/783649
7135US05	10/783573
7135US06	10/783792
7135US07	10/783648
7172US01	10/783877

Thanks again, for your help!

Ms. Robin Evans
Hospira, Inc.
275 North Field Drive

Exhibit N

**Status Inquiry for Patent Application No. 10/ 783,640
September 30, 2005**

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In re application of: R. P. Silkaitis, et al.

Application No.: 10/783,640

Group No.: 3626

Filed: 02/20/2004

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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